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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition to alleviate the symptoms of uremia comprising a composition of a probiotic, a prebiotic, and an ammoniaphilic urea degrading microorganism with high alkaline pH stability and high urease activity, said composition being microencapsulated or enteric coated with a material designed to deliver the probiotic, ~~a~~ the prebiotic, and ammoniaphilic urea degrading microorganism to their site of action in relatively native form without binding of ~~various~~ digestive materials to the ~~solvents~~ composition prior to reaching the target region, wherein said prebiotic ensures the viability of the probiotic, and prevent infection of a patient from wherein said microencapsulated or enteric coating prevents the release of the ammoniaphilic urea degrading microorganism into the patient.

Claim 2 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 further comprising a water absorbent.

Claim 3 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 2 where the water absorbent is selected from locust bean gum, psyllium fiber, guar gum and zeolite.

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Claims 4 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 further comprising a sorbent for inorganic phosphate and an adsorbent for specific uremic solutes other than urea.

Claim 5 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 4 wherein the inorganic phosphate adsorbent is selected from aluminum hydroxide gel, calcium hydroxide gel and magnesium hydroxide gel and the specific uremic solute adsorbent is activated charcoal.

Claims 6 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 where the probiotic is selected from a *Bifidium* or *Lactobacillus* species.

Claims 7 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the prebiotic is selected from fructan oligosaccharide and araban oligosaccharide.

Claim 8 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the ammoniaphilic bacteria is selected from *Bacillus pasteurii*, *Sporosarcina ureae*, *Bacillus* species and *Lactobacillus* species KB-I.

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Claim 9 (original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the probiotic and the ammoniaphilic urea degrading microorganism with high alkaline pH stability and high urease activity comprise the same species of bacteria.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition to alleviate the symptoms of uremia comprising a composition of a probiotic, a prebiotic, an ammoniaphilic urea degrading microorganism with high alkaline pH stability and high urease activity, a water absorbent, a scrubent for inorganic phosphate and an adsorbent for specific uremic solutes other than urea, said composition being microencapsulated or enteric coated with a material designed to deliver the probiotic, ~~a~~ the prebiotic, and ammoniaphilic urea degrading microorganism to their site of action in relatively native form without binding of ~~various~~ digestive materials to the ~~scrubents~~ composition prior to reaching the target region, and ~~prevent~~ wherein said microencapsulated or enteric coating prevents the infection of a patient from the ammoniaphilic urea degrading microorganism.

Claims 11-16 canceled.